

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 359
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A RESOLUTION to designate Saturday, May 7, 2005 as
"Celebrate Nursing Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, nursing is a venerable and highly essential portion of any program to deliver health care; no matter how skilled physicians, surgeons and other health care professionals may be, there is a demonstrable negative impact on the welfare of patients if there is an absence or shortage of nursing care; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of nursing, 18 years ago Virginia McAskill, RN and Carol Dobos, RN, created Celebrate Nursing, Inc.; the not-for-profit corporation was organized exclusively for the purpose of recognizing excellence in and promoting professional nursing; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Nursing, Inc. works to develop programs and mechanisms to recognize professional nursing practice, to disseminate information about the roles of and opportunities in professional nursing, to assist in the promotion of nursing as a career choice, and to act as a catalyst for individual, corporate and/or associative efforts to recognize professional nursing achievements; and

WHEREAS, in late fall or early spring letters are received nominating the top 100 nurses in Fayette and Shelby Counties in Tennessee for their outstanding professional efforts and abilities; and

WHEREAS, decisions are made by the Celebrate Nursing committee based on a nurse's professionalism, active roles in nursing, and an overall ability to demonstrate genuine love and respect for the nursing profession; on May 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. (CDT), the top 100 nurses chosen from the nine to ten thousand nurses in Shelby and Fayette County will be honored at a dinner at the Memphis Marriott East; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly commends and applauds the laudable aims of the Celebrate Nursing, Inc.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Saturday, March 7, 2005 is hereby designated as "Celebrate Nursing Day" in Tennessee to honor the commitment of Celebrate Nursing, Inc. to raise awareness about the nursing profession and to promote nursing as a career choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.